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1. THIRD SENTENCE OF PARA 2 B. OF REFTTEL A, WHICH STATES IN PART:  
"PARTICULAR EMPHASIS SHOULD BE GIVEN IN THE NEAR TERM TO DEVELOPING  
LESS SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS SYSTEMS OF LOWER UNIT AND LIFE  
CYCLE COST, - - - " COULD HARM US EFFORTS TO GAIN ACCEPTANCE  
WITHIN NATO FOR SUCH PROJECTS AS THE HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED AWACS,  
THE RELATIVELY SOPHISTICATED US CANDIDATES FOR THE F-104 REPLACEMENT  
AIRCRAFT. REFTTEL B. SHOWS HOW THE INCLUSION OF AN ILLUSTRATIVE  
EXAMPLE INVOLVING THE A-7 IN THE RATIONALIZATION POTENTIAL STUDY  
CAN BE USED TO THE DISADVANTAGE OF THE YF-16 OR YF-17 (AS WELL  
AS THE F-1/M.53 AND VIGGEN) IN THE  
F-104 REPLACEMENT ISSUE.  
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2. RECOMMEND CHANGING THIS SENTENCE TO REFLECT THE CURRENT  
"HIGH-LOW" MIX CONCEPT, PERHAPS AS FOLLOWS: "ALLIES SHOULD PUT  
PARTICULAR EMPHASIS IN THE NEAR TERM ON DEVELOPING THE OPTIMUM  
MIX OF SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS SYSTEMS WHERE THE THREAT CLEARLY

REQUIRES SUCH EQUIPMENT, AND LESS SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS SYSTEMS  
OF LOWER UNIT AND LIFE CYCLE COST WHICH NATO EVENTUALLY CAN  
ACQUIRE IN SUFFICIENT NUMBERS TO MAINTAIN OR IMPROVE OVERALL  
COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS AGAINST REALISTICALLY ASSESSED THREATS. ALL  
NEW EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE DESIGNED FOR HIGH RELIABILITY AND MAINTAIN-  
ABILITY AND MINIMUM OPERATING PERSONNEL."  
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